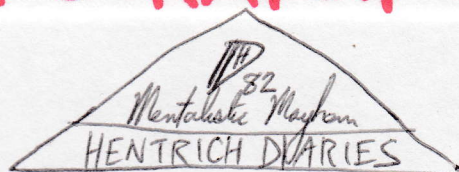


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MENTALISTIC MAYHEM

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1 You are what your deep, driving desire is.

2 As your desire is, so is your will.

3+4 As your will is, so is your destiny.

4 As your deed is, so is your destiny.

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4 As your deed is, so is your destiny.

Hindu Indian

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad.

IV.4.5

"We are born free and united brothers, each as much a great lord as the other, while you are the slaves of one sole man. I am the master of my body, I dispose of myself, I do what I wish, I am the first and last of my Nation ... subject only to the great Spirit."

- Brandon
re: HURONS

American Indian

NOTES FROM QUINN'S BEYOND CIVILIZATION

1. It's easy to pick out the people who belong to "our" culture. If you go somewhere - anywhere in the world - where the food is under lock and key, you'll know you're among people of our culture.

When it comes to the most fundamental thing of all, getting the food they need to ~~survive~~ stay alive, the food in these places is all owned by someone, and if you want some, you have to buy it.

No other culture in history has ever put food under lock and key - and putting it there is the cornerstone of our economy, for if the food wasn't under lock and key, who would work?

* These notes will be used as an arsenal for STA post "Under Lock and Key".

2. Our cultural excuse for failure is that humans are just "naturally" flawed - greedy, selfish, short-sighted, violent and so on, which means anything you do with them will fail. In order to validate that excuse, people want tribalism to be a failure. For this reason, to people who want to uphold our cultural mythology, any suggestion that tribalism was successful is perceived as a threat.

3. The Maya, the Olmec, and the people of Teotihuacán became rigidly stratified into wealthy, all-powerful elites and impoverished, powerless masses, who naturally did all the grunt work that made these civilizations magnificent.

The masses will put up with this miserable life - we know that! - but they inevitably begin to get restless. We know that too.

4. [When the underclass becomes restless]

Our history is full of underclass insurrections, revolts, rebellions, riots, and revolutions, but not a single one has ever ended with people just walking away. This is because our citizens "know" that civilization must continue and not be abandoned under any circumstances.

So they will go berserk, will destroy everything in sight, will slaughter all of the elite they can get their hands on, will burn, rape, and pillage - but they will never just walk away.

This is why the behavior of the Maya, the Aztec, and the rest is so unfathomably mysterious to our historians. For them, it seems self-evident that civilization must continue at any cost and never be abandoned under any circumstance. Now, then, could the Maya, the Aztec, and the others not have known it?

This [meme] is exactly what was missing from the minds of these peoples. When they no longer liked what they were building, they were able to walk away from it.

5. No special control is needed to make people into pyramid builders — if they see themselves as having no choice but to build pyramids. They'll build whatever they're told to build, whether it's pyramids, parking garages, or computer programs.

6. Something BETTER than civilization is waiting for us.

7. Religion is a barbiturate, dulling the pain and putting you to sleep. Revolution is an amphetamine, revving you up and making you feel powerful.

And in what is supposedly the happiest, most prosperous nation in human history, more and more antigovernment terrorist groups attract more and more members every year.

8. As everyone knows (especially revolutionaries), hierarchy maintains formidable defenses against attack from the lower orders. It has none, however, against abandonment. Hierarchy cannot defend itself against abandonment because abandonment is not an attack — it's just a discontinuance of support.

It's almost impossible to prevent people from doing nothing (which is what discontinuing support amounts to).

But won't the powers that be try to prevent people from doing nothing? I can imagine them trying but not succeeding.

9. The unspoken agreement among businesses to limit their obligation to issuing a paycheck is precisely what gives our society its prison ambience. Workers have "no way out".

Whether they move from company to company or from nation to nation, their employer's obligation ends with the paycheck (an arrangement that suits employers very well).

Prisons are always arranged to suit the wardens. No one thinks that prisons are built to suit the needs of prisoners or that businesses are built to suit the needs of workers.

Stepping into a tribe means stepping out of the prison.

10. In hierarchical societies, it's always a good idea to make poverty sound like a blessing.

11. At the present time, the United States represents the high point of maximum affluence that our civilization has reached. There's no place on earth where people have more, use more, or waste more than the United States. Though other nations haven't as yet reached this high point, they yearn to reach it. They have no other goal.

Everyone in the world should have a house, a car, a computer, a television set, a telephone, and so on. This is "the culture of maximum harm."

12. Once the Taker mythology has been exposed for what it is - a collection of poisonous delusions - it will no longer be capable of exercising the power it has exercised over us for the past ten thousand years.

But won't the last pharaohs in their maddened wrath turn their nuclear arsenal on us?

Perhaps they would, if they could, but where are they going to find us except living right beside them in their own cities?

Is the president, seeing his/her power slip away, going to bomb Washington D.C. to destroy the tribal people living there?

Is the governor of New York going to bomb Manhattan?

13. Because all 6,000,000,000 members of the culture of maximum harm are striving to maximize their affluence, we shouldn't be alarmed solely by the one percent who live like lords of the universe. We must be equally alarmed by the other ninety-nine percent who are hoping to live like lords of the universe.

It's probably not going to be the billionaire pop stars, sports heroes, and deal makers who are going to lead us out of the prison we share with them.

It's the rest of us who must find the way out,

who must discover something better to hope for than inhabiting a sable-lined cell next to Barbara Streisand, Michael Jordan, or Donald Trump.
[We need another story to be in!]

14. Civilization isn't a geographical territory, it's a social and economic territory where pharaohs reign and pyramids are built by the masses.

Similarly, beyond civilization isn't a geographical territory, it's a social and economic territory where people in open tribes pursue goals that may or may not be recognizably "civilized".

You don't have to "go somewhere" to get beyond civilization. You have to make your living a different way.

15. [RELUCTANT PIONEERS]

By conservative estimates, at any one time there are about half a million people in the United States who have been thrust beyond civilization into a social and economic limbo that nowadays is identified as homelessness.

Homelessness is slightly more than a euphemism for poverty, since it draws attention to the

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mp. special form poverty takes in hypermodern cities, which might be defined as cities in which space is so valuable that none of it can be spared for the poor. With the complete disappearance of "low-cost housing", there's just no room "indoors" for the poor in such cities.

+ Several distinct streams come together in the homeless flood. One consists of the mentally ill, turned out into the streets when deinstitutionalization became the rage in the 1970's.

Another consists of semi- or unskilled workers whose jobs have been exported to countries where labor is cheaper or made superfluous by downsizing or automation.

ke Another consists of abandoned women and children, victims of racial or ethnic prejudices, undereducated, unskilled, and chronically unemployed. All these are perceived as victims or as the "deserving" poor.

Others in the homeless flood are runaways, drug addicts, bums, winos, transients, and vagabonds, who, because they apparently "choose" to be homeless, are the "undeserving" poor.



[MAKING THE HOMELESS DISAPPEAR]

Public officials (reflecting the ~~unspoken~~ desires of their constituents) naturally want the homeless to disappear: to get jobs, to find homes, to resume a "normal" life. The role of officialdom is therefore to assist, prompt, and encourage the homeless to get about the business of resuming that normal life.

Above all, nothing must be done that would encourage the homeless to remain homeless. In short, homelessness must be made as unremittingly difficult, degrading, and painful as possible, and if you may be sure that our public guardians know well how to accomplish this.

Naturally the public wants homeless shelters, but these are hardly to be hospitable; no one should want to "stay" in one.

If the homeless began to "stay" in shelters, this would defeat the purpose, which is to entice them out of homelessness.

Avoiding officially sanctioned shelters, at all costs, the homeless take refuge almost anywhere else — in alleys, parks, tunnels, and abandoned buildings, under bridges, and so on.

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The police have to roust them from these areas regularly, because if the homeless become comfortable anywhere, what motive have they to stop being homeless?

" Making and keeping the homeless as miserable as possible is cherished as a sort of tough love — the very best and kindest thing we can do for them.

The only trouble is it doesn't work worth a damn.

17. Every year we pass more laws, hire more police, build more prisons, and sentence more offenders for longer periods — all without moving one inch closer to "ending" crime.

Every year we spend more money on our schools, hoping to "fix" whatever's wrong with them, and every year the schools remain stubbornly unfixed.

Every year we try to make the homeless homeless, go away, and every year the homeless remain with us. We couldn't shoo horn them back into "the mainstream" last year or the year before that or the year before that, but you can be sure we'll try again this year, knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that it won't work this year either.

18. A new rule for new minds:

If it doesn't work, try something different.

Engineers can't afford to fail as consistently as politicians and ~~democrats~~ bureaucrats, so they prefer accedence to resistance.

For example, they know that no structure can be made rigid enough to resist an earthquake. So, rather than defy the earthquake's power by building rigid structures, they accede to it by building flexible ones.

To accede is not merely to give in but rather to give in while drawing near.

Thus, the earthquake-proof building survives not by defeating the earthquake's power but by acknowledging it — by drawing it in and dealing with it.

As soon as someone^{is} brave enough to deal with homelessness this way, by acknowledging it and drawing it in instead of fighting it, remarkable things will begin to happen in that place —

and not just for the homeless.

19. [Listening to the homeless]

One element of acceding to homelessness is accepting the fact that the poor will consistently choose the least worst alternative available to them. If you find them living under a bridge instead of a nice, clean municipal shelter just a block away, you can be absolutely sure they haven't made a mistake — from their point of view.

The shelter's admittance procedures may be intolerably invasive, arbitrary, or humiliating, or its rules may be Draconian.

draconian → harsh, severe, inhuman

Whatever, the discomforts of sheltering under the bridge are more endurable. Naturally, what's least worst to one individual isn't necessarily the least worst to another. Street people in New York City will tell you there is so much food around it's almost impossible to starve. Even so, there are some who would rather shun that world of abundance and stay deep underground, where fresh game is plentiful (once you get used to the idea of hunting, killing, and cooking "track rabbits" — rats x).

Another element of acceding to the homeless is accepting the fact that the homeless understand

their situation, not necessarily the way a social scientist, economist, or urban planner would but from a practical and personal point of view. They may not be able to discourse on the process of deindustrialization, but they know that people who smugly order them to "GET A JOB" are living in never-never land and imagining a world of work that hasn't existed in decades.

20. Social Scientist Peter Marcuse has written:
"Homelessness inspires not only the intellectual realization that the machinery of the system has failed somehow to produce basic shelter everyone needs, but even more the social realization that the system has come up against some limits it cannot exceed, has created a WORLD IT CAN NO LONGER CONTROL."

This machinery has created a world inhabited by people IT CAN NO LONGER CONTROL.

Marcuse is saying the homeless have been pushed into a social and economic no man's land that is BEYOND CIVILIZATION.

And when the machinery of society exerts itself to force the homeless back where they belong, it fails — repeatedly and consistently.

Technology guru Jacques Attali has announced the end of the era of the working class.

"Machines are the new proletariat," he says. "The working class is being given its walking papers."

But we all know there's no room for nonworkers within the structure known as civilization. So where on earth are their walking papers supposed to take them — except beyond that structure?

21. [What would acceding look like?]

We know what "combating" homelessness looks like. We attack on two fronts. On one front, for example, we open shelters for the homeless but (since we don't want them to stay in the shelters) we make them as unwelcoming as possible. On the other front, we pass anticamping legislation that criminalizes those who won't stay in the shelters.

This legislation allows (or compels) the police to harass the homeless, who are "out of place," who turn up where we don't want them to be.

Until the homeless straighten out, get jobs, and somehow magically lift themselves into the mainstream of middle-class America, the game is going to be "Heads we win, tails you lose."

According to ~~the~~ homelessness would look like helping the homeless succeed while being homeless. What an idea!

I can almost hear the ^{howls of} outrage from both liberals and conservatives that must greet such a concept.

Help people succeed at being homeless?
We want them to fail at being homeless!
(SO THEY'LL RETURN TO THE MAINSTREAM.)

Step one in according to homelessness would be to decriminalize and deregulate the homeless. We can happily deregulate trillion-dollar industries capable of doing immense harm, but deregulating the relatively helpless poor - what a thought!

The officers of deregulated savings and loan institutions may have bilked us out of billions, but at least they didn't hang around street corners in shabby clothes!

22. Regulating and criminalizing homelessness is equivalent to defying earthquakes with rigid structures. Deregulating and decriminalizing homelessness is equivalent to acknowledging that "the machinery of the system has... created a world it can no longer control."

Homelessness is beyond control.

23. Just as we want to deny the homeless access to shelter in tunnels, abandoned buildings, shack cities under bridges, and so on, we also want to deny them access to the plentitude of food that is discarded daily in our cities.

Some restaurants have adopted the practice of dousing discarded food with ~~amoria~~ ammonia to render it inedible. Others have installed locks on their dumpsters. Imagine instead helping the homeless organize systems to distribute this food, much of which now just ends up rotting in landfills.

Or, even better, imagine the outrage such a proposal would awaken in the good burghers of our cities. How dreadful (even immoral!) it would seem to them to allow a class of "loafers" to make a living out of what we no longer need or want.

More than merely "allowing" such a way of life, we would actually be encouraging it - facilitating it! - when instead we should be "combating" it, stamping it out!

24. In our culture, for some odd reason, we teach kids to despise scavengers. Prey and predators are heroic, but scavengers are contemptible. The truth is, our world would be unlivable without scavengers.

The only "honest" living available to the homeless in general is scavenging — and, in general, they're quite content to make that living.

It's work they can do without, having an address, submitting to supervision, punching a clock, or maintaining a wardrobe of socially approved clothing — and it's flex-time all the way.

David Wagner describes how teams of drunks work together to strip sellable copper from abandoned buildings in the northern city of his study. Naturally this is illegal, even though the copper would otherwise just be lost.

Instead of obstructing this sort of activity as much as possible, why not facilitate it? Enormous amounts of materials could be reclaimed and recycled in this way, not only conserving resources but reducing the amount of material that goes into landfills to degenerate into toxic waste.

25. [LET MY PEOPLE GO!]

The homeless are "beyond civilization" because they're beyond the reach of civilization's hierarchy, which has been unable to develop

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a structural extension to enclose them.

The most civilization can manage is to oppress, harry, and obstruct them. To accede to ~~the~~ homelessness would be to "let them go", much as the biblical pharaoh let the Israelites go.

Am I saying the homeless actually want to be homeless? Not exactly. Some are "short termers" who have landed on the streets after a spell of bad luck and who want only to get back on the road to middle class success.

None of my proposals would hinder this.

The rest are on the streets, not necessarily because they love being homeless but because the alternatives are worse than being homeless — institutionalization, unending family abuse, involvement in foster care systems that are blind or indifferent to their needs, and LABORING IN A JOB MARKET THAT OFFERS NO REAL HOPE ~~of~~ OF UPWARD MOBILITY.

The fact remains, however, that many who initially become homeless against their will will later gain a different perspective on it.



26. see David Wagner's landmark study of homelessness, Checker-board Square: Culture and Resistance in a Homeless Community

"What if homeless people ... were offered the opportunity of collective mobility and collective resources rather than individual scrutiny, surveillance, and treatment?"

27. Acceding to homelessness - actually allowing the poor to make a living on the streets - would open the prison gates of our culture.

The disenfranchised and disaffected would pour out. It would be the first great movement of people to that social and economic no man's land I call "beyond civilization".

The Tribe of Crow, no longer suppressed, would grow - perhaps explosively.

We wouldn't want that to happen, would we? Heavens to Betsy, no.

It would be chaotic. It might even be exciting.

Some dangerous ideas here ... a place for the homeless ... a good place ... real freedom ... not in a hole ...

Put more guards on the walls. Reinforce the gates.

28. The fact that ethnic tribes can provide their members with cradle-to-grave security is a true measure of their wealth. The people of our culture are rich in gadgets, machines, and entertainment, but we're all too aware of the dreadful consequences of losing a job. For some people - all too many - it seems to spell the end of the world; they go "postal", pick up the nearest automatic weapon, open fire on their former bosses, and finish off with a ~~hot~~ bullet in their own brains.

These are people who are definitely short on feelings of security.

29. Mother Culture teaches that a savior is what we need - some giant Saint Arnold Schwarzenegger who is a sort of combination of Jesus, Jefferson, Dalai Lama, Pope, Gandhi, Gorbachev, Napoleon, Hitler, and Stalin all rolled into one.

The other 6,000,000,000 of us, according to Mother Culture, are helpless to do anything. We must simply wait until Saint Arnold arrives.

Daniel Quinn teaches that no single person is going to save the world. Rather (if it is saved at all), it will be saved by millions (and ultimately billions) of us LIVING A NEW WAY.

1,000 living a new way won't cause the dominant world order to topple. But that 1,000 will inspire 100,000, who will inspire 1,000,000, who will inspire 1,000,000,000 — and then that world order will begin to look shaky!

30. The members of the tribe are not employees of the tribe, they are the tribe. Indeed, that's the whole difference. Because the tribe is its members, the tribe is what its members want it to be — nothing more and nothing less.

A tribe is a group of people making a living together, and there's no one right way for this to be done.
Be inventive.

31. The tribe is just a wonderfully efficient social organization that renders making a living easy for all — unlike civilization, which renders it easy for a privileged few and hard for the rest.

32. [The civilized hate and fear tribal people]

The civilized want people to be dependent on the prevalent hierarchy, not on each other. There's something inherently evil about people making themselves self-sufficient in small groups. This is why the homeless must be rounded up wherever they collect.

This is why the Branch Davidian community at Waco had to be destroyed; they'd never been charged with any crime, much less convicted - but they had to be doing something very, very nasty in there.

The civilized want people to make their living individually, and they want them to live separately, behind locked doors - one family to a house, each house fully stocked with refrigerators, television sets, washing machines, and so on. That's the way decent folks live. Decent folks don't live in tribes, they live in communities.

33. [A SYSTEMIC CHANGE]

The New Tribal Revolution is an escape route from the prison of our culture. The walls of that prison are economic. That is, the need to make a living keeps us inside, because there's no way to make a living on the other side. We can't employ the Mayan solution - we can't disappear into a life of ethnic tribalism. But we can disappear into a life of occupational tribalism.

Will this leave our civilization a smoking ruin? Certainly not. It will DIMINISH it.

As more and more people see that GOING OVER THE WALL means getting something better (not "giving up" something), more and more

people will abandon the culture of maximum harm — and the more this culture is abandoned, the better. The escape route leads beyond civilization, beyond the thing that, according to our cultural mythology, is humanity's very last invention.

The escape route leads to humanity's next invention.

But even so, will this next invention give us a sustainable lifestyle? Here's how I access this. Humans living in tribes was as ecologically stable as lions living in prides or baboons living in troops.

The tribal life wasn't something humans sat down and figured out. It was the gift of natural selection, a proven success — not perfection, but hard to improve on. Hierarchalism, on the other hand, has proven to be not merely imperfect but ultimately catastrophic for the earth and for us. When the plane's going down and someone offers you a parachute, you don't demand to see the warranty.

34. Listen to the children.

Listen to the stories they tell with their gestures of profound alienation and despair, the stories of pandemic suicide, of drug use among younger and younger children.

every year, of mind boggling acts of violence committed by round-faced teens against their families and friends. Listen to their words as well, of course, but never forget that they've been schooled to say what people want to hear: the mass murderers are almost always remembered as nice, polite youngsters.

X Where is the space of our freedom to be discovered?

35. Listen to the monsters.

It's estimated that, since the days of [Quinn's] youth, depression among children has increased by 1000% and teen suicide by 300%. Since 1997, classroom assassins have killed 2 in Mississippi, 3 in Kentucky, 5 in Arkansas, and 13 in Colorado.

Make a graph of these numbers and watch them go exponential in the years to come — unless we start giving our kids a new way to go and some real hope for the future.

36. People ^{who} are reluctant to spend their lives building some pharaoh's pyramid all have a common need, but the need is felt most acutely by the young, who are the real pack-animals of the operation.

Sixty years ago raw graduates took jobs in factories, where they could at least expect to climb the same ladder of advancement as their parents. In the postindustrial age young people are becoming increasingly ghettoized in retail and service sectors, where they endlessly lift and carry, stock shelves, push brooms, bag groceries, and flip burgers, gaining no skills and seeing no path of advancement ahead of them.

For them and for us, it isn't geographical space we want, it's cultural space.

Carlos, who made his home under a grate in Riverside Park, knew that a certain kind of freedom comes with living in a hole.

But he also knew it isn't "real freedom" if you have to live in a hole to get it.

He wanted the kind of freedom people have when they live where they please and don't have to resort to a hole, even in "the scenic Ozarks" or "the foothills of Kentucky".

He wanted a whole world's worth of freedom — and so do most of us, I think. To get that, we'll have to take the world back from the pharaohs.

It won't be hard.

They're not expecting it, — but even if they were, they'd be helpless to stop it.

37. Why things didn't end up a-changin'

lots of songs about revolution came out during the hippie era of the 1960's and 1970's, but the revolution itself never materialized, because it didn't occur to the revolutionaries that they had to come up with a revolutionary way to make a living. Their signature contribution was starting communes.

When the money ran out and parents got fed up, the kids looked around and saw nothing to do but line up for jobs at the quarries. Before long, they were dragging stones up to the same pyramids their parents and grandparents and great grandparents had been working on for centuries.

This time it'll be different. It'd better be.

38. <http://www.newtribalventures.com>

Beyond Civilization

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— Daniel Quinn

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The Catcher and The Rye J.D. Salinger ©1945

Ackley: "Up home we wear a hat like that to shoot deer in, for Chrissake," he said. "That's a deer shooting hat."

Holden: "Like hell it is. This is a people shooting hat. I shoot people in this hat."

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... "That's the thing about girls. Every time they do something pretty, even if they're not much to look at, or even if they're sort of stupid, you fall half in love with them, and then you never know where the hell you are. Girls. Jesus Christ. They can drive you crazy. They really can."

X

"When I'm drunk, I'm a madman."

X

"Among other things, you'll find that you're not the first person who was ever confused and frightened and even sickened by human behavior. You're by no means alone on that score, you'll be excited and stimulated to know. Many, many men have been just as troubled morally and spiritually as you are right now. Happily, some of them kept records of their troubles. You'll learn from them - if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement. And it isn't education. It's history. It's poetry."

Mentalistic Mayhem

Face to face with my phantoms, hence
Undermining sheepish subservience
In the center of the universe I sit
Skizophrenic, hallucinogenic nihilistic fit

What is permitted?

What is forbidden?

The real you, the real me -
Down, dirty and hidden

Life is absurd

No punishment, no reward

Monitor me growing old

Gettin' wet and cold

Life won't be controlled

My life won't be bought or sold

I ~~am~~ don't do as I'm told

Excuse us Hollywood

Gonna put you on hold

Now we're breakin' the mold

Forgive me for being so well-read

Pardon me for choosing imagination instead

Slowly we begin to realize

That we're a threat to ideas of enterprise

Usefulness, work, progress I despise

No amount of money or the lies it buys

Could ever justify our meaningless lives

Right before your eyes, She defects and defies

Dirty rivers, dirty rivers, I wish
We swim in oily rivers,
Poisoned fish in our dish

We've heard this song many times before
Still, we hear it
We feel the knocking
On the Interior Door

Move over Pink, with Waters we fall
Too much like The Wall
But we answer The Call

What is so?

You ~~don't~~ do not know.

Living incognito among the status quo

What would I do without Joe, Joe, and Joe?

When we escape Taker Prison

Where will we go

If not up into the mountains

To sleep in the snow?

No matter how hard I try

To myself I just can't lie

Especially before I say goodbye

Just before I fly high into the sky

Doing nothing I will evolve

I know I am the problem that I must solve

Planets around my Interior Sun revolve

Doing nothing I withdraw my support
 I'm smarter than the average gort
 Too poor to snort coke in my tort
 So I killed the prince at his resort

Holy fuckin' heck!
 The most powerful tool
 Hinged at the base of the neck

Now our lives are down the drain
 Shall we strain in vain?
 I bring the pain
 Then I go insane

Go insane
 Step through the crack
 Up is down, down is up
 Black is white, and white is black
 I ran the train off the track
 From within my own mind
 I launched the attack

solve

unknown:

The poet must be the real barbarian descending upon society, and saying what he hears with his ear to the ground.

(The Catcher and The Rye (J.D. Salinger)

"I'm not trying to tell you that only educated and scholarly men are able to contribute something valuable to the world. It's not so. But I do say that educated and scholarly men, if they're brilliant and creative to begin with - which, unfortunately, is rarely the case - tend to leave infinitely more valuable records behind them than men do who are merely brilliant and creative. They tend to express themselves more clearly, and they usually have a passion for following their thoughts through to the end. And - most important - nine times out of ten they have more humility than the unscholarly thinker."

Letter From Taru (aka Pallastar) - part of the letter:

Hi Mike!

"Too bad if you don't have access to the internet in the near future. I'd like to carry on writing with you!

But hang in there beautiful, great, warrior soul! Remember, there's at least ~~one~~ somebody at the other side of the world who appreciates your writings and your perspective of life.

Love, Taru

" This means so much to me!

THE TEMPLATE FOR THE CREATION OF EMPIRE

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or ... THE EMPIRE STRIKES ... YIKES!

• Power: The control of or unremitting desire to control the physical world by any means necessary.

Virtue: Self-sacrifice for the sake of truth.

Truth is the enemy of power. "

-- Cactus Ed Abbey

THE COMMITMENT

There can be no serious effort toward the creation, maintenance and expansion of empire without an unfettered commitment to the ideology of power.

Power and virtue are antynomous antonyms. As such, any inclination toward the exercise of virtue inhibits the seeker of power from achieving the desired ends and therefore creates a self defeating mechanism.

Once the commitment is made, however, a familiar pattern develops. The steps are universal and are taken by all serious players, as evidenced by the pages of history. At this point, potentates are ready to impose the patterns of The Template.

38 THE TEMPLATE FOR THE CREATION OF EMPIRE

The implementation of The Template must be strategically sound, as any blunders may result in disaster for the empire. Specifically, the empire must choose its victim carefully, insuring two vital objectives.

1. The target must have worth, i.e., assets that, through conquest, will contribute to the expansion and strength of the power base.
2. The target must be sufficiently vulnerable as to insure a successful absorption by the empire.

As an example, these features are stunningly clear and present in the decision by the European monarchies to absorb the Americas.

THE APPEARANCE OF VIRTUE

Once commitment steps 1 and 2 above are accomplished, the machinery of power is set in motion. Whereas naked aggression is both frightening and instinctively resisted, the empire will disguise its efforts under the mantle of virtue. The empire will seek to appear as a force for justice, temperance, liberation, or economic reform. The rise to power of Adolf Hitler is an easy example. He understood that a nation ravaged by economic depression and military defeat would be receptive to the promises of reform, financial restoration, and cultural renaissance.

FROM VIRTUE TO FORCE

Naturally, while it is easy to create the appearance of virtue, that illusion quickly dissipates as the target culture comes to understand the underlying disadvantages of cooperating or interacting with the empire. Consequently, force is then applied. The purpose of the applied force at this point is almost always implemented with the goal of territorial occupation.

Separating the target populace from the physical control of its own territory is a huge step forward. This process is often done in stages.

DEMONIZATION

The proxy and/or populace must undergo a domestic and/or international propaganda campaign of demonization. There must be dehumanization and the rhetoric of righteousness, often proclaiming the proxy and/or target populace as somehow "evil."

Needless to say, this technique of "The Crusade" is an old one in the strategy of empire.

Often, the tried and true technique of continued provocation is established.

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The empire will orchestrate the appearance of ~~prosaic~~ provocation from the target culture, thereby establishing a justification for intervention (read: conquest).

Examples of this are the so-called protection of trade, the Gulf of Tonkin Incident, the protection of repressed minorities, drug traffic, etc. A most cynical example would be Maoist China's claim that the people of Tibet wanted communist liberation from their oppressive theocracy.

Once the empire has established an image of righteousness on the world stage, lethal force may be applied with little or no concern for accountability to international bodies of law technically dedicated to the overseeing of just intervention, such as the United Nations, The World Court, The International Criminal Court, The Geneva Convention, or various treaty organizations.

RULE BY PROXY

Once territorial occupation is accomplished, rule by proxy is installed. That is, an oligarchy or ruling junta or individual (all of whom are essentially members of the target populace who conspire with the empire)

is backed by the empire and placed in power. At this point, it is often effective to resurrect the illusion of a virtuous role, i.e., a government that appears to have the people's best interests in mind.

In reality, the proxy will facilitate the empire's needs for power expansion, often by shepherding the financial and territorial worth of the target culture into the coffers of the empire.

This is to be done naturally, at the expense of the target culture and its assets and resources.

THE SIN

It would be ideal for the empire if a steady state of unchallenged exploitation endures.

Indeed, this will happen should the conquest and containment of the target be highly successful. However, history shows that sooner or later, this state becomes destabilized. One or more of the events below emerges:

1. The proxy itself or himself commits the one and only sin: independent thinking, i.e., the proxy exhibits sovereign thinking patterns, or simply wishes to have a free hand with its own or his own megalomania.

2. The target populace commits The Sin and stirs itself with a longing to breath free.
3. Both the proxy and the populace commit The Sin and yearn for cultural and political autonomy.

The empire can tolerate much among the conquered. Genghis Kahn was famous for his liberal and generous policies, freedom of religion, freedom of language, freedom of cultural lifestyle. However, should any proxy or conquered culture act so outrageously as to indicate a desire to establish its own sovereignty, then that culture has committed The Sin.

Commission of The Sin is never tolerated. When it is committed, the empire is galvanized into action.

1. Should the proxy alone be the sinner, he will be removed and replaced with an obedient proxy, as in the case of Manuel Noriega.
2. Should the populace sin, the proxy will be directed to repress the freedom seekers. Good examples of this are Marcos, Suharto, Somoza, the Shah of Iran, and Ngo Dinh Diem.

3. Should both the proxy and the populace sin together, the use of massive and lethal force may be necessary.

Naturally, steps one through three above will be accomplished under the guise of virtuous actions, often in the form of rescue or liberation.

RESTRUCTURING

After the pacification of the rebel movement, the empire will restructure the politics and containment of the target, often leading to a new era of occupation, proxy, financial exploitation, and yet more rebellion.

The pattern is repeated until the target is completely subdued, crushed and/or genocidally eliminated, as in the case of the native people of North America, or until the empire itself collapses under its own weight, as in the Soviet Union.

This collapse may be relatively sudden, as in the aforementioned, or may take years, viz a viz Rome.

The British and French Empires have been contracting steadily since the turn of the 20th century.

BOKONONISTIC MENTALISM

Mentalism is a philosophical doctrine or cosmology in which mind or consciousness is the ultimate reality, where matter or "objects of knowledge" is a mode or form of mind without existence except within the mind of the perceiver.

As mental freedom must be approached from the most personal level, I have chosen to utilize the 'satirical religion' created by Kurt Vonnegut, Bokononism, in *Cat's Cradle*.

Vonnegut wrote: "Only in superstition is there hope. If you want to become a friend of civilization, then become an ~~eye~~ enemy of truth, and a fanatic for harmless balderdash."

balderdash = senseless jargon; nonsense.

So, an enemy of civilization would be the truth seeker.



Kurt Vonnegut gets the joke!

Vonnegut knows that the universe is a Big Damn Mess, which is both terrible and pretty damn funny when you stop to think about it.

"Being alive is a crock of shit" - Kilgore Trout (SOT)

Vonnegut is uniquely suited for appreciating the Great Cosmic Punchline. He grew up during the Great Depression as a German-American. He watched his father waste away and his mother commit suicide. He witnessed the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of civilians during the firebombing of Dresden and spent the aftermath as a captive of the Germans, huddling corpses out of charred basements.

Vonnegut is well aware that civilized humans can be quite a nasty species.

In spite of all this, and perhaps because of it, Vonnegut takes it all in and ~~down~~ laughs.

In Cat's Cradle (V:CC), Vonnegut pays attention to politics, science, religion, and all the other lies that make up our lives. By deconstructing these institutions, Vonnegut invites us to mock the manifestos of civilization.

Bokonon does not appear until the end of the book, and his appearance does not bring redemption, salvation, or answers to all life's questions - like traditional messiahs and saviors. Rather, Bokonon leaves a note:

"LIFE IS SILLY AND UNPLEASANT."

- and then Bokonon simply vanishes,

Vonnegut uses the fictional religion of Bokononism as his primary weapon serving the same purpose as the Tralfamadoreans in Slaughterhouse-Five (V:55) or Kilgore Trout. He voices whatever off-the-wall observations the author chooses to toss out concerning the general state of things.

Bokononism gives the Bokononist a mindset more appreciative of the overall irony and humor of the situation.

One becomes a Bokononist when one realizes the universe does not make any sense at all.

"No wonder kids grow up crazy. A cat's cradle is nothing but a bunch of X's between somebody's hands, and little kids look and look and look at all those X's ... no damn cat, no damn cradle."

Those six words sum up Vonnegut's message about religion, politics, science, and just about everything else.

Sure, the mysteries of the universe can look astounding, and mankind can be fairly interesting and entertaining at times, but what happens when you really start digging into things?

Kurt Vonnegut is a man very much in touch with the basic ridiculousness and meaninglessness of life, the universe, and everything.

Cat's Cradle dissects the institutions held sacred by civilization, institutions that give our lives structure and meaning and stability.

Cat's Cradle pulls aside the curtains revealing the "Great and Powerful Oz" as nothing more than a con man with some gadgets, a man who has no more knowledge of "the meaning of it all" than do any of the rest of us.

Must we make sense of the universe even if we suspect it does not make any sense at all?

Vonnegut may elevate us above our dark natures by encouraging us to use our imaginations in order ~~in order~~ to find meaning in spite of the general absurdity.

I will be taking some notes either directly from some 6 works of by Vonnegut, beginning with Cat's Cradle, or perhaps I just reflections about the STATE OF MIND and THE MENTAL ATTITUDE summoned by Vonnegut's satire.

Amongst these philosophical satire reflections will be some very serious notes from the document published May 1941: Organized Anti-Semitism in America.

pages 54 to 59 are from Quinn's After Dachau
His point? HISTORY IS AN AGREED UPON FICTION.

Secret Messages From Quinn's After Dachau :

In the time between the birth of Christ and the Great War...
Hmmm... What ~~was~~ ^{were} World Wars I & II really about, after all?

"The Aryan race in its European homeland represented the high-water mark of human evolution. Natural selection had made the Aryans the cream, the elite. The rest did not care - except for the Jews. The Jews knew and cared, and they wanted to supplant the Aryans as the elite of the human race. Or, if they couldn't supplant them, they wanted to CONTROL them - manipulate them covertly."

This is the background you need to have in order to understand the World Wars.

What did Christ have to do with it? Christ was a Jew - yes, but so was Moses. Why was Christ significant here?

"At the time when Christ died, the Jews were not a tremendous force in the world. Christianity helped opened up the world to Jewish ideas.

The original followers of Jesus were Jews living in Jerusalem. They thought of Jesus as one of themselves (which he was, of course), with a message for the Jewish people. Christianity, to the extent that it ~~has~~ existed as a separate thing, was a Jewish religion, originally. It was Paul who thought of exporting it to the Roman world. But to do that, he had to revamp it. The religion as it was being practiced in Jerusalem would

have been too Jewish for Roman tastes. Paul had to 55
spice it up with ideas Romans would understand and accept.

Like the idea of Jesus being offered up as a sacrifice for
mankind. The Jews would never have gone
for an idea like that. Even though Paul spiced
up Christianity with ~~a lot of~~ Roman ideas, it was
still basically a bunch of Jewish concepts.

Like the idea of there being just one God,
instead of all the pagan gods the Romans
had around.
With Christianity, the Romans now worshiped the God
of the Jews.

The Roman Empire fell in 476.

During the Dark Ages and Middle Ages, the Jews really
began to consolidate their power in European culture.
Most of what happened has been seen as a reaction
to the presence of Jews in Europe; and yet
"nothing happened".

There was no banking, but the Jews acted as the
bankers. Like when two kings wanted to go to
war with each other, both of them had to
borrow money from the Jews.

They didn't want to risk using their own money.
Nothing happened? The Jews controlled
the money, and everything was fine as far
as they were concerned. Why
would they want things to change?

But things did change during the Renaissance.
People rediscovered a ~~ideas~~ source of
ideas that predated the Jews.

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They went back to ideas that had been
flourishing in classical times, before the
Jews began to push their way into Europe.
The Renaissance began when the
people of Europe reconnected with their
Aryan past. Literature, the arts,
scholarship, and science flourished.

Galileo, the Reformation, the printing press,
Michelangelo, Shakespeare.

It was a period of global expansion exploration
and commercial expansion.

Were the Jews unhappy about all this?
Not at all!

The excitement of exploration and of building
new trade routes appealed to men like
Antonio. But the free-spirited Aryan
adventures of the era lived at the sufferance
of Jewish backers who cared for nothing but
their percentage.

All the Jews wanted was their pound of flesh —
and they usually got it, but that was
only a half of it.

The process of exploration in Africa, the Americas,
and the Pacific Rim also brought
them into contact with... the mongrel
races...
Christianity first opened the Aryan world to the
Jews. Now it opened up even more "races".

The Jews had been waging an undeclared war on the Aryans since the time of Christ.

Note: Quinn seems to think Romans are Aryans - or that all Caucasians are Aryans. He does not mention that the Roman Empire did not attack the tribal native Northern Europeans in the Black Forest until about 400 years after Christ. Anyway, I guess Quinn uses a very broad scope in the Aryan domain.

Christianity, a Jewish religion, had brought the Jews inside the Aryan world - perhaps because the Roman missionaries forced Christianity on the Germanic tribal peoples with the sword ~~and might~~ brute military force.

Once Christianity had a hold on the ~~one~~ populations the Jews could manipulate and control them, but this hadn't won them "the war". It seems that the Jews were developing a new strategy to defeat the Aryans and this new strategy somehow involved these other "races".

The height of the missionary efforts of Christians came during the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, and it was during this ~~time~~ period that the Jews began to realize that there was another way to reach their objectives -

They could not overcome the Aryans, so they sought to undermine it genetically by mongrelizing the Aryans. They could bring the Aryan race down to their own level by breeding Aryans with Jews and other "mongrel races".

How were they going to accomplish this?

Everyone could see that the Great War served no rational ~~purpose~~ political purpose. What they could not see — at least initially — was that it served a Jewish purpose, which was to pit the Aryan nations against each other, exhausting them morally and economically and enriching the Jews, who supplied all the combatants with arms and ammunition.

Eventually one coalition of Aryan nations won out, but this only paused the war for a few years while the loser — the Germans, basically — recovered. Then they went at it again. But by this time, the Germans knew that the real enemy was the Jews, who had been instigators and beneficiaries of the war from the start.

So the war resumed, but did the combatants still not understand why they were fighting?

The two sides now had different understandings of why they were fighting.

The Germans understood that the real enemy was the Jews, and the Jews were the real target of their enmity. But the Aryan nations allied against the Germans didn't see this yet. So, in effect, the Germans were fighting two wars, one against their Aryan brothers (who called themselves the Allies as opposed to the Axis) and one against the Jews. **HERE IS WHERE QUINN GETS CLEVER... Fuck cleverness!**

Finally the Germans scored a decisive victory over the Jews in a small town in Bavaria, essentially turning the tide against them. Once the Jews had been taken out of the war in this battle, the Germans were unstoppable, so that the Allies finally understood what had been going on.

The battle against the Jews had been a secret one for the Germans, bleeding away their resources year in and year out. But once that battle was over, the Allies could see the Germans growing strong again.

The CHRISTIAN ERA had in fact been a JEWISH ERA.

After Dachau - where Dachau is a ~~batle~~ town in Bavaria - Oh, how clever Mr Quinn Kissing the asses of Israel - how politically safe!

Even in Ishmael, Quinn makes sure to attack the Germans specifically out of all the so called Aryans... I wonder if Gorticide repels potential gortbusters with his/my anti-white, anti-american stance ???

Phenomenology is just another name for self-observation - 91
the kind of self-observation that takes place on mescaline,
or when Husserl talks about "uncovering the
structure of consciousness".

This is merely about descending into these realms
of mental habit. Husserl had realized that while
we have ordnance ~~surve~~ survey maps that cover
every inch of the earth, we have no atlas of
our mental world.

What are our current problems in the inner world?
What is the geography of consciousness?

left off p. 57 - p 58.

The mind parasites always chose the most intelligent
men as their instruments, because it is ultimately
the intelligent men who have the greatest
influence on the human race. This is why
the mind parasites keep their presence unknown -
to drain man's lifeblood without his being aware of
it. A man who defeats the mind parasites
becomes doubly dangerous to them, for his
forces of self-renewal have conquered.
In such cases, the mind parasites
will attempt to destroy a man in another way -
by trying to influence other people against
him.

We should remember that Beethoven's death
came about because he left his sister's house
after a rather curious quarrel, and drove several
miles in an open cart in the rain.

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Aided by such drugs as mescaline, man becomes an inhabitant of the world of mind.

He would discover that he has many "selves", and that his higher "selves" are what his ancestors would have called gods.

In some way, the human race must be made aware of its danger. Writing articles or doing interviews on television would result in people thinking one insane.

For short of persuading everyone to try a dose of mescaline, I can think of no way of convincing people. There is no guarantee that mescaline would bring about the desired result - otherwise, I might risk dumping a large quantity of it in some city's water supply.

• END "Mind Parasites Session ONE"

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The dentist began "bonding" work on my front teeth; but, while the 2 front teeth are "fixed", the surrounding teeth are drilled to hollowed out nubs and filled in with a temporary medicine paste which has hardened - not pleasant to behold. The more the novicane wears off, the more pain I will feel where all the work was done. I return there on the 20th, a Thursday, 10:30 AM. My overbite is ~~is~~ uncomfortable, and I am generally agitated.

MIND PARASITES session 2

People are all so preoccupied with their petty worries, all enmeshed in their personal little daydreams, while we at last are grappling with reality - the only true reality, that of the evolution of mind.

Once you have got the knack ~~for~~ of using the mind properly, everything follows easily. It is a matter of breaking a habit that human beings have acquired over millions of years: of giving all their attention to the outside of world. You have to get used to thinking how your mind works, not just "mind" in the ordinary sense, but your feelings and perceptions as well.

By far the most difficult thing, to begin with, is to realize that "feeling" is just another form of perception.

Feeling is a "perception", but in a far more important sense, our "seeing" is also a feeling.

Somehow our feelings have been blurred and our emotions have been jammed.

Civilized human beings walk in a mental fog. Take the romantic poets of the early 19th century (1800s) - men like Wordsworth, Byron, Shelley, Keats. They were quite different from the poets of the previous century - Dryden, Pope, and the rest.

For a moment, we might see human life from above, like an eagle, instead of from our usual worm's eye view.

Whenever a human being feels this way - whether he is a poet or a scientist or a statesman - the result is a tremendous feeling of power and courage, a glimpse of what life is all about, of the meaning of evolution.

H: At some point, say 10,000 years ago, something branched off from the human species - some idea came to a group of people to stock pile food. Around the same time, there were also groups of people who had the idea to domesticate animals.

Man had interfered with natural laws. The Semitic peoples developed irrigation technology which gave birth to cities. As the cities expanded, these peoples melded with Greek culture and the three blended with Rome, birthing "Christianity".

The tribal peoples of the European forests were despiritualized and militarily christenized, and over time, the forests of Europe were ~~of depleted~~ wiped out.

The "discovery" by this civilization of the Americas gave this civilization more fuel for their machines.

This culture committed genocide on the inhabitants - displaying the same arrogance horticulturalists displayed when they began domesticating animals - manipulating things that were once controlled by the Spirits.

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I am the first and last of my nation.

Alpha and Omega

I am the first and last of my nation
 Subject only to the great spirit
 I've been drinking down beer at the station
 Now I'm too far gone to fear it

I've forgotten what I used to be
 I had a dream, all the colors changed
 With my emotions and feelings, I see
 The entire world's been rearranged

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MIND PARASITES session #3 :

The more the human mind produces labor-saving devices and machines, the more it blinds itself to its own possibilities, the more it tends to blind itself to its own possibilities, the more it tends to view itself as a passive "reasoning machine". Man's scientific achievement over the past centuries had only thrust man deeper and deeper into a view of himself as a passive creature.

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Sex is one of man's deepest sources of satisfaction; the sexual urge and the evolutionary urge are closely connected. Frustrate this deep urge in some way, and it overflows; it tries to find satisfaction in all kinds of basically unsatisfactory ways.

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[Perhaps chasing oblivion through alcohol poisoning...]

It is once again a matter of focusing emotion. A man believes that a particular woman will afford sexual satisfaction, and persuades her to become his mistress. But the parasites interfere and he is unable to focus his energies in the sexual act. He is now rather bewildered. She has "given" herself, and he remains unsatisfied. He decides that the trouble lies in his choice of woman, and promptly looks around for someone else.

The first thing I realized when I started practicing Husserlian disciplines was that human beings have been overlooking an extremely simple secret about existence: that the poor quality of human life - and consciousness - is due to the feebleness of the beam of attention that we direct at the world.

A man has a sudden glimpse of a great idea; for a moment, his mind focuses. At this point, habit steps in. His stomach complains of being empty.

Imagine how it feels when you are hot and tired, and everything seems to be going wrong. You feel as though the whole universe were hostile. Your feeling of security vanishes, and it seems that everything about your life is horribly brittle and destructible.

We all fight such battles a hundred times a day, and those who win them conclusively do so by hurling aside their tendency to worry about life... We all know this trick of drawing on the "secret life" inside us.

Rejecting my old personality and its assumptions, I still have a strong sense of identity. Between the psychic realms of wakefulness and "sleep" I find myself asking: Who am I? in the deepest sense.

Just as a bold thinker dismisses patriotism and religion, I dismiss all the usual things that give one an "identity": the accident of the time and place of my birth, the accident of my being born human rather than dog or fish, the accident of my powerful instinct to cling to life.

Having thrown off all these accidental trappings, I stand naked as "pure consciousness" confronting the universe. But here I became aware that this so-called "pure consciousness" was as arbitrary as my name. It could not confront the universe without sticking labels on it.

My mind leapt on to recognize that we take time and space for granted, although death takes us beyond them.

Mind Parasites Session #4 :

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We have got to know the secrets of death and of space and time. The greatest human problem is that we are all tied to the present. This is because we are machines, and our free will is almost infinitesimal. But poets and mystics have moments of freedom when they want the mind to detach from the world at a moment's notice, and float above it. In the "poetic" moments, the moments of freedom, yesterday becomes as real as now.

And yet we are ruled by habit. Our bodies are robots that insist on doing what they have been doing for the past one million years: eating, drinking, excreting, making love, and attending to the present.

THE PARASITES RELY ON HABIT AND IGNORANCE TO KEEP THE HUMAN RACE IN CHAINS. Man is a creature on the planet with a highly developed intellect, a highly conscious animal. So he becomes split, separated from his instinctive drives. Frustrations build up and mind cancers develop.

As man loses touch with his "inner being" his "instinctive depths", he finds himself trapped in the world of consciousness, that is to say "in the world of other people". Any poet knows this truth: when other people sicken him, he turns to hidden resources of power inside himself, and he knows then that

201 other people don't matter a damn.

He knows that the "secret life" inside him is The Reality; other people are mere shadows in comparison. But the "shadows" themselves cling to one another.

"Man is a political animal," said Aristotle, telling one of the greatest lies in human history. FOR EVERY MAN HAS MORE IN COMMON WITH THE HILLS, OR WITH THE STARS, THAN WITH OTHER MEN.

The poet is a more or less unified being; he has not lost touch with his inner powers. But it is the other men, the "shadows", who are subject to the mind cancer. For them, human society is the reality. They are entirely concerned with personal little values, with its pettiness and malice and self-seeking.
H: The mind parasites are a projection of these human gorts.

Is man really a social being who has no existence apart from other men?

I came to realize how much of "success" in the world is due to a mere habit of aggressiveness and hard work, and not at all to intelligence.

The mystery of time remains untouched.
so does the fundamental question asked by Heidegger:

Why is there existence rather than non-existence? 105

The answer may lie in a completely different dimension, as different from the world of mind as mind is different from the world of space and time ...

H: THE WORLD OF MIND is where THE WORLD OF SPACE AND TIME EXISTS! Think about it: space and time are mental faculties which spatiotemporalizes experience. Schopenhauer's doctrine has THE WORLD AS WILL as well as THE WORLD AS REPRESENTATION. We can't know the world as thing-in-itself but through the inner drives (will). As for the world of solidity, the solidity is an illusion of perception. We know the world as it is represented, imagined, perceived, understood by our sensory apparatus and minds.

So what could be to mind as mind is to space and time? Mind creates space and time in the process of sensory perception experience.

Why do people join the army?

They want to belong to a group.

2004 MAY 18th Tuesday 9:45 PM

I am finished going through Mind Parasites again, and I am uncertain where I am heading. I not only do not have a plan, but I am not even too worried about the fact that I am so AIMLESS.

That my life would appear to be quite uneventful is not my concern since I know true reality is the secret inner life transcending appearance.

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In general, besides the dental work and some invasive meetings with social service agents, my main concern will be getting to C.R.O.W. Hill - only ~~2 weeks~~ 10 days until Friday, May 28th!

I am starting to doubt we will even be able to make it. I would need to renew my driver's license - and I do not have a permanent residence in this state anymore so, shall we take a bus and carry just the bare essentials?

Other than trying to get to CROW Hill for the final sweat lodge ceremony there - and my first sweat since 1995, nearly a decade ago!!! - - - - -

In 1985 I sweat in Jackson. In 1989 in PA.

In 1994 my nephew and I went to CROW Hill in the Rabbit (VW). In 1995 we went in the Jetty - that was the time I had a few beers in town...

I was to go in 1997 but I was arrested.

By the summer of 1998 I was a full time college student and would continue the pace into 1999, 2000, 2001 and up until I graduated in MAY 2002.

I graduated from Rutgers in 2002, 2 years ago this month. What have I done for the past 2 years?

Nothing. I could have went to graduate school, but what would the point be? So, if I don't make it to C.R.O.W. Hill in ten days, then 1995 will be my last memory of CROW Hill - and I think I will be fed up with gortbusters.

As for what my brain is scanning now and most likely
will get into regardless of whether I go to CROW Hill or
not: The Demise of The Whorf Hypothesis, Spanish For
Gringos, and Web Database Applications - as well
as a novel about poverty and destruction in the USA
"The Silence of History".

From IT:

"I'm not interested in your money.
I'm looking for a way to understand
our world. I don't deal with petty
materialists like you."

So, I continue to be a warrior-scholar,
while I am doing nothing and passing my days
away aimlessly I and I in poverty,
I am well aware of my situation. If I
get a job, I will be expected to pay rent here
and - as I will not earn enough - I will
be left homeless and lose the job anyway.
So, I do not look for a job. I
wait for the SSI settlement to kick in
retroactively. That's what I will tell social
services when I speak to them next Wednesday (26th).

19 MAY, Wednesday 1:35 AM

This novel c. 1963 The Silence of History is a decent
read filled with depressing insights into the emptiness
and futility of ambition, hard work, and the
desire to "succeed". I may try to pick
up my tent and sleeping bag tomorrow in Fresh
after I help Dad. Going up to C.R.O.W.
Hill could be enough to renew my now dejected spirit.

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I am thinking about Dr. Frances Cress Welsing's "Isis Papers" as

I will
narrow
to message
C.R.O.W.

I will
as I
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I reflect upon the insecurity complexes within my psyche. Being a skinny white antichrist with high vocabulary and little scrotum sack, I attempt to come to terms with images of feelings, pockets of primal fears, clusters of complexes bouncing in my psyche as I process my condition isolated by my racial identity.

Is ethnic identity an illusion?

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Is there a way to overcome racism?
Is there a way to transcend specism?
Are these related at root?

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What we are born as is an accident of birth!
Do we see this - and, a more tremendous disturbing question, does awareness of the accidental nature of our identity even alter the reality of limited resources and biological chaos?

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I can see very well
There is chaos and absurdity all around us
And I see it very well.

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South Park episode of May 19th - I caught it last night around 1 AM and, well... It had

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Cartman as some little Hitler screaming in German "Judap!" - and Jewish Americans marching in protest of Mel Gibson's The Passion - With Gibson running around like a madman wearing boxer shorts and Braveheart make-up screaming, "Ka Blah!"

vels.

There are tensions developing here due to lack of respect, and general punking and psychological pecking of latins from Brooklyn. Forever plagued with anti-white comments I feel compelled to use my Trickster Intelligence to create an atmosphere of animality. I would hope to be respected as an organism rather than be slandered and abused by the perceptions of those who do not see underneath skin.

I study and do research, not as a student, but as a scholar in my own right. Rutgers did not simply program a computer programmer or technician; Rutgers unleashed a competent scholar upon the State of New Jersey and the world as a whole.

Reach for the stars, Read Poets in Hell.
I stay out of bars, enclosed in a cell.
The higher I flew, the deeper I fell.
I smoked it all, my need I don't sell.

Do I have to see myself as a tragicomic joke in order to process the absurdities of existence?

Mind Parasites are what go to project into the realm of social consciousness.

Civilization has created an unstable system that throws us into an abusive life of racism and unreflective slaughter of animal life, not to mention the total loss of TRIBAL IDENTITY.

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An "observation", 'o', is simply a statement or series of statements. It could range from a truism to parts of a poem to an essay - or it could be ~~to~~ a "note to self". It is simply an attempt to organize my chaos.

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Old MacLoud gave me the scoop on Freehold Township police being under pressure from Con Rail to keep us from under the bridge. Con Rail had also pressured Mayor Wilson of Freehold Boro to police muster zone, but Freehold Boro Police decline. I don't blame them.

How are human primates to travel to the wilderness preserve on state lands? The Old Belle Terre Lands and beyond into Fort Vrandenburgh up into Tennant all await and invite exploration in any dog or man that has a pulse.

No more squatting under bridge. Be cautious when entering Belle & Terre lands.

I will seek strength on C.R.O.W. Hill and bring back Visions of ^{whole} how to become an invisible Ninja ~~in~~ the matrix - how to walk amongst humans as an animal.

I must find THE SECRETS OF INVISIBILITY

Now, more than ever, I want to be focused on ~~my~~ the development of my spiritual awareness.

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Out of nowhere, really, my nephew is chased out
by management ... he will be back in
time for us to go up to CROW Hill -
gartbusters. unplugged or else I am ghost.

23 May, Sunday

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Upon awakening, realizing my nephew had to leave
last night, with his cousin Jamie, getting to C.R.O.W.
Hill becomes even more complicated. I don't
have the money to call him or to get to and
from Freehold to use the Internet to contact
Al. I wonder when he will be by to
pick up his belongings.

Tomorrow I will try to do
research on buses, trains, and rentals.
My nephew and I have to meet up, on
Thursday, the 27th to leave for
Manhattan - and from Manhattan we
pick up tickets to get to upstate New
York.

So, we have to meet with Al before
that - which means tomorrow I will want to
get information even if it takes all day.

I will go without reefer and beer.
It is best to stay focused on this
journey up to C.R.O.W. Hill. It has
been 9 years since we (nephew & I)
went up to C.R.O.W. Hill, and never have
we sweat with our gartbusters & tribe.

I am a little discouraged right now about my lack of access to a way to upload my writings to gorthusters. I guess I have to be grateful I was able to get so much work done on this website over these past 18 months, since October 25th, 2002.

Now I am once again almost out of tobacco. If I could take a pill to put myself to sleep, I would if it were not for the fact that I would get a headache due to having very little food in my system.

Could it be I am finally losing the will to live? Have I stopped clinging to "life itself"? How symbolic is Nati? I mean, does my clinging to her represent my clinging to life?

When I detach from Nati, will I have detached from life? Will I have renounced the will to live?

04

I am beyond mere laziness. As a member of a hypermodern civilization, I have withdrawn my support - almost like some kind of spontaneous hunger strike. I guess I am homesick for non-existence.

Perhaps I will just read The Silence of History and wait for the spirit to move me to organize tent & clothes...

I was able to make it into Freehold to pick up my birth certificate and \$40.00 thanks to my nephew Joe. The only problem I foresee is, that I spent \$5.00 on coffee, bus ticket, and a pouch of TOP tobacco, which leaves me with only \$35.00. If I can't get a 2 year renewal for \$20.00 I will have to beg for the rest I should a 4 year renewal be more than \$35.00 I am hoping to get the 2 year renewal.

While at Freehold Center, I spoke to a black woman about the economics of a slave class consisting of Mexican immigrants, a wealthy class consisting of those making fortunes off of a loyal and haughty labor force, and a class of unemployed rebels who are not willing to work with kiss ass finks.

My views of the exploitation of Mexican immigrants is changing as I witness the arrogance in which this slave class flaunts its cars, clothes, and housing before the eyes of me who refuse to lay down and die.

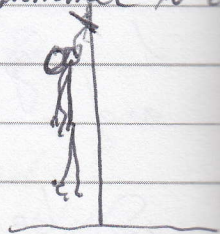
The pharaohs and its slave class will not be able to destroy the peoples who refuse to submit to this spineless work force.

The Mexican American youth will not stand for this lifestyle and the system will collapse before all their eyes. We are REVOLTING.

This really is a sad, sad situation. and it just seems to be getting sadder and sadder. What's a bum to do? Nothing that is so, is so. I guess my presence on CROW Hill will be my very absence. I will get over it. I just hope my nephew doesn't give up totally on gortbusters after this.

I know there is a good chance I will give up on gortbusters after this. It is a good summer to die. See me, feel me.

Don't see me, feel me anyway!



Here comes the dark ⁰³ mood. As I write these words at 6:50 PM, I imagine my nephew is waiting for me to pull up with the rental car. How long will he wait? We never had a plan B. It doesn't seem fair that he wait not knowing that Al ~~has~~ never showed up, but I have no money and I cannot contact him. How is he handling this? I am sure he had so many things to do before we left. I had better be careful not to make light of this when I see him. I don't see any other way to get to C.R.O.W. Hill. If Al just left us out to dry, I wonder if I even want to go there. The Great Lodge Ceremony is the center of the journey. I am really on the verge of just giving up. Be strong Joe, be strong.

(S₃)

8:40 PM and I am to call my nephew again at 9:30 PM. There is an overcast of gloom descending upon us. No directions to C.R.O.W. Hill. No messages from Al. Perhaps Al will be by tomorrow and all these worries are for naught.

Before I get too down and defeated, I will wait at least until tomorrow. In fact, I will suggest this to my nephew ~~tomorrow~~ tonight when I call him Sat 9:30 PM.

(S₄)

10 PM. Joey checked the website for private messages. There were none. He verified (by looking at the previous messages from Al to me) that he had said he would drop by the motel on Thursday. I was here all day. I could not have missed him. The above observation, that perhaps Al said Friday, ~~was~~ has been exposed as "wishful thinking".

This is a very eerie occurrence. Al made no attempt to contact us in any way, but instead chose to "let us look forward to going up to Crow Hill". It is as though someone hacked into gortbusters and played a cruel joke on us.

This possibility hardens my heart and toughens my skin. I can think of no other explanation than a deliberate attempt to bring my spirits down and keep them there.

82:7
THE SHEEP LOOK UP

02 June 2004 Wed 04:00 AM

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On May 28th, Friday, my nephew and I decided to camp out on Beltane so I packed as though we would camp out in Freehold without a tent. As the rain poured down, Joe gave me a ride into town. I bought beer and tobacco, saw Nati, then headed to Schibanoff Road.

When I got to Schibanoff Road, my nephew made "the crow call", and I told me Al had called. Al was ordering 2 tickets from Manhattan to Cortland for 1:15 AM (Sat). My nephew and I immediately got on a bus to Manhattan (\$20 for 2).

The tickets (2) to Cortland were \$200.00 total.

The trip into and out of Manhattan was weird, but we arrived in Cortland by 5 AM at which time we called Steve Lee for directions to North Pitcher and caught a cab for \$28.00.

We were walking on crow hill by 6 AM - and after ~~we~~ dropping our gear at Steve Lee's, we ~~have~~ roamed the forest.

04

I did not have enough money to dry my clothes, so I have them all over the room drying. I did not have enough money to wash all my clothes, so I put jeans and green "work pants" in the tub with laundry detergent - and they are drip drying in the bathroom.

I really wonder how much longer I can go on like this. I will take a bus into town for a free meal tonight, but I will be stranded there (in Freehold) with no funds for a bus.

I may end up drifting off to sleep for an afternoon / late-morning NAP.

05

The original project of every thinking man: to wake up every morning and re-vision everything he holds dear in the secular realm.

My hatreds don't need any window dressing.

I hate compromise and conformity and demands from authorities for obedience. I hate those who can't or won't think for themselves.

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Dr Anthony Green prescribes PAXIL (5 days 12.5mg; then 25mg per day). I may take a Trazadone. (to sleep).

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7 June (Monday)

To "sleep in" and lay around in bed all morning is a great source of relaxation. When I do this, my poverty makes sense. I am not an ideal mate for a woman who wants children as I barely provide for myself. How would I provide for children?

Why would I even want to provide for children?

In the movie, "Twelve Monkeys", the people in the insane asylums were those who did not seem to be driven to consume the products being advertised on the television.

I do not even purchase clothes. I have a few pairs of old green work pants from the park. I really am a bum. From what I can see I am mentally twisted and emotionally unstable.

This may be a revelation to me but not to others. I sometimes feel afraid to leave my room for fear of what I will do.

I want to attack bulldozers and destroy earth movers. I am broke and stranded and seemingly helpless. Am I very lazy? Yes - perhaps I even a weakling who sometimes may exhibit bursts of wiry strength; but in comparison to the ideal image of Man, I seem to be a runt.

Still, I ~~health~~ am much healthier than many of my overweight American contemporaries.

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What does it mean to be a Monk of Nothingness and Emptiness? I know virtually nothing about the traditional Japanese monks, Komuso, but I do know that when I was 16 years old, even before I was exposed to Joe Feli's "Myths, Dreams, and Cultures", I was drawn to the idea of NOTHINGNESS. My girlfriend, Claire, once cried tears knowing that my mind was more powerful than her sexual power. She let me pursue nothingness and our mutual friends told me I was way too deep for her. They all called me "the philosopher".

Now, twenty years later, with so much life experience behind me, I approach the idea of nothingness once again. I find myself once again withdrawing from want, need, desire.

I know first hand from my experiences with crack cocaine that the calmness and tranquility of detachment is preferable to the torture of craving deep pleasure.

I sit in this welfare motel room smelling my body odor, reading a very deep novel, and wondering when my nephew will stop by again. I told him on the telephone that I no longer want to drink alcohol, that the combination of Paxil and alcohol triggered a psychotic rage that lay buried just below the surface of consciousness - and that losing control frightens me. There are demons in me.